

Smyrna Man Arrested on Drug and Weapon Charges Following Traffic Stop- Lewes

Lewes- Delaware State Police arrested 43-year-old **Victor J. Keeler** of Smyrna on drug and weapon charges following traffic stop .

On December 8, 2020, at approximately 5:58 a.m., a trooper on patrol in the area of Coastal Highway and Cave Neck Road, Lewes, observed a silver in color Mercury Milan traveling southbound on Coastal Highway at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle and upon contact with Victor Keeler, operator and sole occupant of the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana was detected emanating from the inside the vehicle. A criminal investigation ensued and located on Keeler's person was approximately 24.69 grams of marijuana. Keeler was taken into custody and during a search of his vehicle, the following items were located:

- Two (2) large throwing knives with 4 inch blades
- \$351.00 in suspected drug proceeds
- Approximately 10.10 grams of methamphetamine
- Drug Paraphernalia

Keeler was transported to Troop 7 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)

- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Marijuana Related (Civil Violation)
- Speeding in Excess of Posted Limit

Keeler was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$98,202.00 secured bond.

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